

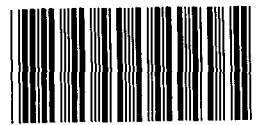


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Re: (8)RIN-0463-88

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I hope this information is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

Lou Johnson

for Robert L. Duprey, Director
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